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Unfortunately we continue to have fire deaths on First Nations communities resulting from many factors. From a technical fire perspective AFAC, Regional First Nations organizations and our provincial fire service partners can help identify issues. The social and economic factors will require government input from all levels including First Nations, Provincial, and Federal.

What AFAC and our Regional partners want to accomplish with the Federal Government include establishing;

- National Fire Service Standard for First Nation Communities,
- Standards for Mutual Aid and Fee for Service Fire Protections Agreements and,
- Standards for Fire Prevention/Public Education.

In addition supporting improved support and engagement from Provincial Fire agencies such as the Fire Marshall/Commissioner.

We encourage all home occupants to check your smoke detectors and develop a home escape plan.

On behalf of Aboriginal Firefighters across the country we send our condolences to the family and to the Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation on the tragic loss of their children.

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